

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration**

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce invites U.S. companies to participate in the following overseas trade missions:

**Women-In-Trade Business Development Mission to South Africa.**

Johannesburg and Cape Town.  
October 6–10, 1997.

Recruitment closes August 29, 1997.

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**Health Industries Russian Trade Mission.**

Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, and Kazan, Tatarstan.

October 19–26, 1997.

Recruitment closes September 15, 1997.

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**Retailing and Franchising Trade Mission to China.**

Hong Kong, Shenzhen, Shanghai, and Beijing.

October 19–28, 1997.

Recruitment closes September 15, 1997.

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**U.S. Computer Industry Trade Mission to the Middle East.**

United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Israel.

October 28–November 6, 1997.

Recruitment closes September 5, 1997.

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**Medical Devices and Supplies Trade Mission to India.**

New Delhi, Chennai (Madras), and Mumbai (Bombay).

January 17–24, 1998.

Recruitment closes November 21, 1997.

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**Medical and Dental Devices, Medical Device Components, and Laboratory Instruments Trade Mission to China.**

Beijing, Shanghai, Chengdu, and Kunming.

April 19–April 29, 1998.

Recruitment closes February 21, 1997.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****National Marine Sanctuary Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is withdrawing Norfolk Canyon from consideration as an Active Candidate for designation as a National Marine Sanctuary. Norfolk Canyon is located approximately 60 nautical miles east of the entrance to Chesapeake Bay (offshore Virginia), and is a deep-water site. Norfolk Canyon was identified by NOAA for further evaluation prior to the development of the National Marine Sanctuary Program's Site Evaluation List (SEL). For reasons related to limited agency resources, the remote nature of the site, and the absence of known threats to the Canyon's resources, NOAA has decided to withdraw Norfolk Canyon from Active Candidate status, and terminate consideration of the site for possible designation as a National Marine Sanctuary.

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**I. Background**

The National Marine Sanctuaries Act, as amended, (Act), 16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq., authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to designate discrete areas of the marine environment as national marine sanctuaries if the designation will fulfill the purposes and policies of the Act (set forth in section 301(b) (16 U.S.C. 1431(b)), and if: (1) The area proposed for designation is of special national significance due to its resource or human-use values; (2) existing state and federal authorities are inadequate or should be supplemented to ensure coordinated and comprehensive conservation and management of the area, including resource protection, scientific research, and public education; (3) designation of the area as a national marine sanctuary will facilitate the coordinated and comprehensive conservation and management of the area; and (4) the area is of a size and nature that will permit comprehensive and coordinated conservation and management. The Act is administered by NOAA through the National Ocean Service (NOS), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD).

**II. Administrative History**

In January 1982, NOAA published a Program Development Plan (PDP) for the National Marine Sanctuary Program, describing the Program's mission and goals, site identification and selection criteria, and the nomination and designation process. Based on the PDP and Program regulations, NOAA published a proposed SEL recommended to NOAA by regional resource evaluation teams. At the time of development of the SEL, Norfolk Canyon and five other sites were already under consideration by NOAA for possible designation, and the regional resource evaluation teams were instructed to not consider these sites. On August 4, 1983, NOAA published the final SEL (48 FR 35568). The SEL is described in the regulations for the National Marine Sanctuary program at 15 CFR 922.10.

On September 1, 1985, NOAA published notice (50 FR 37760) announcing preliminary consultation and inviting public comment on the possible designation of Norfolk Canyon as a National Marine Sanctuary. Norfolk Canyon became an Active Candidate for National Marine Sanctuary designation